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David Karl Stroup)	
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For: DIAGNOSTIC KIT FLEXIBLE)	
ASSEMBLY SYSTEM AND)	
METHOD OF USING THE SAME)	

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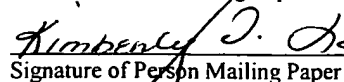
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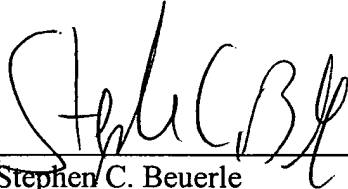
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Respectfully submitted,

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	C	5,979,637	11/09/99	Iwamoto et al.	198	465.1
	D	5,701,663	12/30/97	Esaki et al.	29	783
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	F	5,377,399	01/03/95	Ogawa	29	407
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